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**SUBMISSION OF REPLACEMENT DRAWINGS**

Sir:

Enclosed are Replacement Drawings for Figures 1, 2a, 2b and 3 (3 sheets) in response to the Office Action mailed April 27, 2006. The Replacement Drawings comply with 37 CFR 1.121(d).

Respectfully submitted,

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